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Dr. Tony Ward
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Re: Sampling and Analysis Plan for Outdoor Ambient Air Monitoring at the Libby Asbestos Site

Dear Dr. Ward:

On behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA) I am pleased to transmit the enclosed document, "Final Sampling and Analysis Plan for Outdoor Ambient Air Monitoring at the Libby Asbestos Site, Libby, Montana" dated September 28, 2006 (Ambient Air SAP). The document was developed by EPA to guide the collection of data on levels of Libby amphibole in outdoor ambient air within the commercial and residential areas of Libby. A draft version of the Ambient Air SAP was provided to you and other interested parties in September, 2006 for review. The enclosed final version reflects modifications that EPA made to address comments we received from several reviewers.

We expect that future modifications will need to be made to the Ambient Air SAP as it is implemented in the field and we learn more about how to best collect and analyze ambient air samples. EPA will transmit revised SAP documents to you as modifications are made.

Thank you for your interest in the document. If you have any questions about it, please don't hesitate to call me at (303) 312-6808.

Sincerely,

Paul Peronard Team Leader

Libby Asbestos Site

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